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by weight of thorium; and that the exemption contained in this subparagraph shall not be deemed to authorize either:

- (i) The shaping, grinding or polishing of such lens or manufacturing processes other than the assembly of such lens into optical systems and devices without any alteration of the lens; or
- (ii) The receipt, possession, use, transfer, or of thorium contained in contact lenses, or in spectacles, or in eyepieces in binoculars or other optical instruments.
- (8) Thorium contained in any finished aircraft engine part containing nickelthoria alloy, *Provided*, That:
- (i) The thorium is dispersed in the nickel-thoria alloy in the form of finely divided thoria (thorium dioxide); and
- (ii) The thorium content in the nickel-thoria alloy does not exceed 4 percent by weight.
- (9) The exemptions in this paragraph (c) do not authorize the manufacture of any of the products described.
- (d) Any person is exempt from the regulations in this part and from the requirements for a license set forth in section 62 of the Act to the extent that such person receives, possesses, uses, or transfers uranium contained in detector heads for use in fire detection units, provided that each detector head contains than not more microcurie of uranium. The exemption in this paragraph does not authorize the manufacture of any detector head containing uranium.

[26 FR 284, Jan. 14, 1961]

EDITORIAL NOTE: For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting § 40.11, see the List of CFR Sections Affected, which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and on GPO Access.

# § 40.14 Specific exemptions.

- (a) The Commission may, upon application of any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant such exemptions from the requirements of the regulation in this part as it determines are authorized by law and will not endenger life or property or the common defense and security and are otherwise in the public interest.
  - (b) [Reserved]

- (c) The Department of Energy is exempt from the requirements of this part to the extent that its activities are subject to the requirements of part 60 or 63 of this chapter.
- (d) Except as specifically provided in part 61 of this chapter any licensee is exempt from the requirements of this part to the extent that its activities are subject to the requirements of part 61 of this chapter.

[37 FR 5747, Mar. 21, 1972, as amended at 39 FR 26279, July 18, 1974; 40 FR 8787, Mar. 3, 1975; 45 FR 65531, Oct. 3, 1980; 46 FR 13979, Feb. 25, 1981; 47 FR 57481, Dec. 27, 1982; 66 FR 55790. Nov. 2, 20011

#### GENERAL LICENSES

### § 40.20 Types of licenses.

- (a) Licenses for source material and byproduct material are of two types: general and specific. Licenses for long-term care and custody of residual radioactive material at disposal sites are general licenses. The general licenses provided in this part are effective without the filing of applications with the Commission or the issuance of licensing documents to particular persons. Specific licenses are issued to named persons upon applications filed pursuant to the regulations in this part.
- (b) Section 40.27 contains a general license applicable for custody and long-term care of residual radioactive material at uranium mill tailings disposal sites remediated under title I of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, as amended.
- (c) Section 40.28 contains a general license applicable for custody and long-term care of byproduct material at uranium or thorium mill tailings disposal sites under title II of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, as amended.

[55 FR 45598, Oct. 30, 1990]

# § 40.21 General license to receive title to source or byproduct material.

A general license is hereby issued authorizing the receipt of title to source or byproduct material, as defined in this part, without regard to quantity. This general license does not authorize any person to receive, possess, deliver,

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use, or transfer source or byproduct material.

[45 FR 65531, Oct. 3, 1980]

# § 40.22 Small quantities of source material.

- (a) A general license is hereby issued authorizing commercial and industrial firms, research, educational and medical institutions and Federal, State and local government agencies to use and transfer not more than fifteen (15) pounds of source material at any one time for research, development, educational, commercial or operational purposes. A person authorized to use or transfer source material, pursuant to this general license, may not receive more than a total of 150 pounds of source material in any one calendar year.
- (b) Persons who receive, possess, use, or transfer source material pursuant to the general license issued in paragraph (a) of this section are exempt from the provisions of parts 19, 20, and 21, of this chapter to the extent that such receipt, possession, use or transfer are within the terms of such general license: *Provided*, *however*, That this exemption shall not be deemed to apply to any such person who is also in possession of source material under a specific license issued pursuant to this part.
- (c) Persons who receive, possess, use or transfer source material pursuant to the general license in paragraph (a) of this section are prohibited from administering source material, or the radiation therefrom, either externally or internally, to human beings except as may be authorized by NRC in a specific license.

[26 FR 284, Jan. 14, 1961, as amended at 38 FR 22221, Aug. 17, 1973; 42 FR 28896, June 6, 1977; 45 FR 55420, Aug. 20, 1980]

### § 40.23 General license for carriers of transient shipments of natural uranium other than in the form of ore or ore residue.

- (a) A general license is hereby issued to any person to possess a transient shipment of natural uranium, other than in the form of ore or ore residue, in amounts exceeding 500 kilograms.
- (b)(1) Persons generally licensed under paragraph (a) of this section, who plan to carry a transient shipment

with scheduled stops at a United States port, shall notify the Director, Division of Nuclear Security, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, using an appropriate method listed in §40.5. The notification must be in writing and must be received at least 10 days before transport of the shipment commences at the shipping facility.

- (2) The notification must include the following information:
- (i) Location of all scheduled stops in United States territory;
- (ii) Arrival and departure times for all scheduled stops in United States territory;
  - (iii) The type of transport vehicle;
- (iv) A physical description of the shipment;
- (v) The numbers and types of containers;
- (vi) The name and telephone number of the carrier's representatives at each stopover location in the United States territory;
- (vii) A listing of the modes of shipments, transfer points, and routes to be used:
- (viii) The estimated date and time that shipment will commence and that each nation (other than the United States) along the route is scheduled to be entered;
- (ix) For shipment between countries that are not party to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material (i.e., not listed in appendix F to part 73 of this chapter), a certification that arrangements have been made to notify the Director, Division of Nuclear Security when the shipment is received at the destination facility.
- (c) Persons generally licensed under this section making unscheduled stops at United States ports, immediately after the decision to make an unscheduled stop, shall provide to the Director, Division of Nuclear Security the information required under paragraph (b) of this section.
- (d) A licensee who needs to amend a notification may do so by telephoning the Division of Nuclear Security at (301) 415–6828.

[52 FR 9651, Mar. 26, 1987, as amended at 53 FR 4110, Feb. 12, 1988; 60 FR 24551, May 9, 1995; 68 FR 58806, Oct. 10, 2003]